GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coffee Federation of India has submitted a Memorandum to the Government regarding grievances of the Federation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the problems of the Federation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a)&(b) The Coffee Federation of India has recentlyrepresented to the State Govt. of Karnataka and Coffee Boardfor amending the Karnataka Sales Tax Act to allow exemption from payment of purchase/sales taxes on coffee sold in the course of export from India.

c) The Govt. of Karnataka have recently exempted coffee from purchase tax if such coffee is exported outside the country within 4 months from the date of purchase of coffee and have also reduced the rate of sales tax on coffee including coffee beans and seeds from 8% to 4%.